

Northfield Recreation Committee
Minutes April 12, 2014

In attendance: Bob Illingworth, Scott Amell, Sally Davidson, Michele Langley, Heidi Passalacqua (members).
Visitors: police chief Officer Jiobeck , Ethan and Karen Hatch, Selectman Brad Denny
Absent: Angie Allen/Jason Miles, Bruce Wright (Committee members)

- I. Police Chief informed us of the Nations "National Night Out" which occurs in August. August 5th. It stems from a worldwide event to establish community pride; a comfortable way to bring together neighbors together with service/community oriented policing. Historically electric companies had a part in the program and it used to be called "light a light" as homes would leave a light on their porches one particular night each year all over the United States. Officer Jiobeck reported he/Northfield police would like to see some support from Recreation Committee, not necessarily to do or organize, but to be involved. He provided a flyer informing committee of informational meeting occurring on April 30th for planning. Recreation Committee in attendance felt that it was a great idea and already had a number of ideas they felt could work at Memorial Park. Ethan Hatch from Boy Scout Troop 759 has an interest in a project for his Eagle Scout Merit. He would like to submit a plan to create a pavilion at Memorial Park and name it for Randy Porter a former coach who passed away last year of Colon cancer who coached baseball, and hockey. The pavilion as he described would overlook the Pecora field, have BBQ pits. This led Committee in to showing Brad Denny, and the Hatch's the Norwich student's project plans up to this point. Ethan could potentially modify his plan to work with the Norwich students plan of the pavilion near where the third base line of ball field 2 (planning for removal, doing the planning phase this summer, getting together volunteers establishing his vision design). Ethans next step is to plan and submit to his state Troop for approval, then to Nation. There is a potential his plan could be too big or broad, but committee will work on narrowing it if needed. Provided him with map of Memorial park with potential plan from student's last presentation.
- II. Old business: discussed changing the Pecora field sign to have part regarding his Hall of fame piece on it. Will have to plan event to dedicate the sign after May 15th and last home baseball game that works in June with Mr. Pecora. Sign has to go someplace where snowmelt does not potentially push sign up sign out of ground. Scott will speak with Ken Goslant about final cost. Committee will ask Selectman for possible funding for remainder of sign from Capitol improvement. Scott is meeting with Little League group on Wed. at 6pm he will find out who will be running the group and invite the President to come to Committee meetings. He wondered why school could not have bathroom key since they already have keys to building and in addition was going to speak with whomever in charge of Little league about whether they were interested about Cal Ripken. Titus Nobel is possible President . Keys will be given out and returned so that portolets do not have to be rented for the Falls. School will be responsible for toilet paper, and making sure locked up and secure when not being used. Winners of the coloring contest: 1st place winner Ellie wawrzniak #7; 2nd place Mariela Swiech #121. For the 6th graders Scott will meet with Ryan Parkman to figure out timing of what to do whether ice cream party or other. Committee approved field use for 4/19 Easter egg hunt in falls; Sundays beginning 4/27 Memorial Park for Northstars. See forms Scott will give forms to Little League/Cal Ripken to fill out as well as Softball, and baseball for official. Michele had previously obtained softball and baseball practice and game schedule
- III. Next meeting : May 12th 6pm Michele to email Elizabeth for briefing for final project for phasing
- IV. Post script. I got a call from Linda Thurston who attended trustee meeting. She got their approval for Wall street to be shut down for the Sr. Center to have a street dance/event on May 25th . She wondered if Recreation Committee still interested in helping out with this.